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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION ON SALT WITH NEW TIMES REPORTER

FOR FUNSETH FROM TRATTNER

FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION RECEIVED JANUARY 19 BY PHONE
FROM REPORTER MICHAEL DROSNIN OF NEW TIMES MAGAZINE
(GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS RADICAL/MUCKRAKING PUBLICATION),
WHICH BEING SENT YOU. ON REMOTE CHANCE IT RELEVANT TO
SALT NEGOTIATIONS. I HAVE DISCUSSED INFORMATION WITH
EAGLEBURGER AND SISCO AND MCCLOSKEY AWARE OF INFORMATION
IN GENERAL TERMS.

DROSNIN SUGGESTED THAT "CODE WORD" DESKTOP BE MENTIONED
TO SECRETARY TO FLAG IMPORTANCE OF INFORMATION HE HAD
OBTAINED, WHICH HE SAID WOULD HAVE "MAJOR IMPACT" ON SALT
AND MAY BREAK DURING MOSCOW STOP. DROSNIN SAID HE HAD
TALKED WITH FORMER NAVY YEOMAN RADFORD, (WHO ALLEGEDLY
PILFERED CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS FROM SECRETARY'S AND HAIG'S
FILES IN 1970-71 ON BEHALF OF JOINT CHIEFS, AND WHOSE
ACTIVITIES SUBSEQUENTLY BROUGHT TO LIGHT BY SO-CALLED
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WHITE HOUSE PLUMBERS IN JANUARY 1974). DROSNIN SAYS

RADFORD TOLD HIM ONE MAJOR PURPOSE OF THESE ACTIVITIES WAS TO DETERMINE IF SECRETARY HAD LEARNED OF PROJECTS WHICH

PENTAGON WAS TRYING TO "KEEP SECRET" FROM HIM DROSNIN SAID HE HAD OTHER INFORMATION FROM RADFORD AND OTHER SOURCES CONCERNING SECRETARY'S RELATIONS ON SUBJECT OF SALT WITH JOINT CHIEFS AND CONGRESS, BUT DID NOT REVEAL THIS IN CONVERSATION WITH ME.

DROSNIN DESCRIBED ALL HIS SOURCES AS MILITARY AND EXPRESSED CONCERN HE BEING SETUP BY PERSONS INTERESTED IN CREATING ADVERSE PUBLICITY FOR SALT. PURPOSE OF HIS CALL TO ME WAS TO MAKE SECRETARY AWARE OF THIS INFORMATION AND GIVE HIM CHANCE TO RESPOND AS HE MAY WISH. HE HOPED YOU WOULD CALL HIM PRIOR YOUR DEPARTURE, AND LEFT PHONE NUMBER WITH ME.

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